



## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU LEFT YOUR CHILD ALONE IN A CAR?

We hope never, but if you did, please promise to never do it again. Every year approximately 30 children die after they were unknowingly left in a vehicle when the adult went about their business. Make it a point to NEVER LEAVE YOUR CHILD ALONE in a car. Follow these tips to be sure it does not happen to you.

- Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the window slightly open.
- Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or whatever is to be carried from the car on the floor in front of a child in a backseat. This forces the adult to open the back door and observe the child when they reach for their belongings.
- Set your cell phone or Blackberry reminder to be sure you dropped your child off at day care.
- Set your computer “outlook” program to ask, “Did you drop off at daycare today?”
- Have a plan that if your child is late for daycare that you will be called within a few minutes. Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping off little kids at day care.
- Teach children not to play in any vehicle.
  - Lock all vehicle doors and trunk – especially at home. Cars are not playgrounds.
  - Check vehicles and trunks FIRST if a child goes missing.

For more information go to [www. \(Your organization here\)](#) or to [www.safekids.org/nlyca](http://www.safekids.org/nlyca) .

